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USAID's Pro-Integridad and the Judiciary promote the approach of justice to the community through the use of plain language that is accessible to citizens



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From left to right: Pablo Talavera, President of the National Council of the Judiciary, Horst Schönbohm, GIZ representative, Enrique Mendoza, President of the Judiciary, and Ted Gehr, USAID's Acting Mission Director, during the presentation of the Judicial Manual of Plain and Accessible Language for Citizens, which took place on December 16, 2014 in the Palace of Justice.

"Thanks to the contribution of USAID, under the Pro-Integridad Project, Peruvian Judiciary has today a new and supplementary tool that will support the development of the judicial processes and will improve the communication of judges with citizens, litigants and lawyers and therefore, the citizen understanding and trust on justice."

*Dr. Enrique Mendoza Ramírez
President of the Judiciary
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During the December 16, 2014 presentation of the Judicial Manual of Plain and Accessible Language for Citizens, prepared with the technical assistance of USAID's Pro-Integridad Project, the President of the Judiciary, Dr. Enrique Mendoza Ramírez, emphatically stated that *"we cannot effectively modernize the administration of justice in the country if we do not modernize our language first"*.

Pro-Integridad's technical team developed the Manual based on an analysis of judgments, legal decisions, and other legal documents. In addition, contributions of Supreme Court magistrates, institution officials and experts in the field were considered. Key participants also included Dr. José Ramón Cossío, Minister of the Supreme Court of Mexico, and his advisor Dr. Roberto Lara, who have led a similar process in that country. This valuable activity and product falls under the Framework Cooperation Agreement signed by the Judicial Branch of Peru and the Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico.

With the mentioned inputs, meetings with Supreme Court magistrates, the president of the Academy of the Judiciary and other judiciary officials, the acceptance and validation of the proposed Manual was achieved. The Manual, prepared with the technical assistance of Pro-Integridad, has been adopted by judges and key institution officials and is available in printed version and on the website of the Judiciary, thus allowing for a broad distribution nationwide.

Pro-Integridad will continue its support to the Judiciary providing training in the use of this tool. This particular product responds to an important judicial policy of providing more effective access to justice for citizens.

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